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It's too cramped for Christmas in bedsit

BY SCOTT KIRK

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A FAMILY of four that have been forced to live in a cramped bedsit for eight months don't even have enough space to put up a Christmas tree.

Paul Adams and his family were put into the North Tenth Street bedsit by Milton Keynes Council earlier this year while they waited for a suitable social housing property with two bedrooms.

But despite several attempts by Mr Adams to get in touch with the council, he has heard nothing back and claims he knows of friends who have had their housing needs met before him, partner Carla Levitt and sons Rylan, four, and Kaden, eight months.

As a result, the family are forced to sleep in one room, which also houses their fridge-freezer because there is not enough space for it in the kitchen.

There isn't any space for them to have a table where they can eat their meals and their standard size washing machine does not fit into the allocated space in the miniscule kitchen. The bathroom consists of a tiny shower, sink and toilet.

Paul, 26, who works for a temping agency, said: "If we could afford not to live like this, we would.

"I'm fed up of hearing that there is nothing available for us."

The situation has led to both Mr Adams and Miss Levitt taking antidepressants and the noise at night means the family are unable to sleep.

Single room: Paul Adams, partner Carla Levitt and sons Rylan, four, and Kaden, eight months old, have been living in their bedsit for months. It is so cramped that they haven't got space for a Christmas tree to celebrate the festive period

Edith Bald, cabinet member for finance and housing at Milton Keynes Council, said:"I'm very sorry to hear about Mr Adams' situation.

"However, this is not a problem we can solve overnight.

"The only way to deal with this problem is to get more supply so we are meeting with landlords to find extra accommodation for people like Mr Adams."

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Geary: 'We've addressed the parking issue'

THE leader of Milton Keynes Council has said his party has 'done what it said it would do' to address parking issues in the city.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, Andrew Geary and the Conservatives announced their first priority was to review the city's free parking when they took control of the council in 2011.

This week Mr Geary said: "In a short space of time 700 cheaper spaces were introduced, but since then the public message has changed.

"Feedback is calling for more purple spaces. This change benefits the economy as currently 90 per cent of red spaces are empty and the money from filled spaces is used for public transport instead of coming from general taxation."

Councillor John Bint, the council's cabinet member for transport, said the 700 parking spaces include short-stay free parking and spaces reduced from premium (red) to standard (purple) prices.

He added: "The council is committed to making parking as cheap as it can. We have reviewed 1,000 red spaces, changing most of them to purple. More recently, we have reviewed 300 spaces, which includes changing another 100 to standard."

It is expected the cabinet will not increase parking charges when it discusses the budget for 2014-15 tonight.

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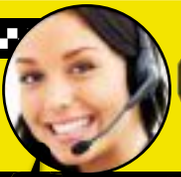

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Chickens to get egg-citing coat

A KNITWEAR pattern designer has created a coat for chickens in the design of a Christmas pudding to raise funds for her daughter's school.

Lorraine Hearn, from Woburn Sands, was asked by pupils at Aspley Guise Lower School, where her daughter Beth attends, to design some knitted coats for chickens after they were inspired by her book of knitwear patterns and learnt about how animals get cold in winter.

Last year, the school launched an £80,000 appeal to build an extension. Mrs Hearn is selling the pattern online to support the appeal following the success of her Easter-themed coat in March. To buy the design visit www.mypdfpatterns.com

Model: A chicken wearing the Christmas pudding coat

Match ban for flare thrower

A MAN has been banned from attending football games for three years after throwing a flare onto the pitch at stadiummk during an FA Cup match.

Michael Baines, 35, of Halifax, pleaded guilty to one count of possessing a firearm at a sporting event.

He let off the flare shortly after a minute's silence at the MK Dons match against FC Halifax Town on Saturday, November 9.

The court heard how Baines had been a Halifax supporter for 28 years and often took his three-year-old daughter to games with him, but didn't know that letting off the flare was a criminal offence.

He was told by the magistrate: "This is not a case of not knowing it was against the law, that should be commonsense. It is a great regret that a supporter of 28 years should do something so silly."

As well as being banned from matches in England and Wales, Baines was fined £500 and ordered to pay £85 costs and a surcharge of £50.

A second man, Thomas Baines, 21, of Huddersfield, also pleaded guilty to possessing a flare, but entered not guilty pleas to two counts of assaulting a constable in the execution of their duty.

He is due to return to court on March 5.

Staff at Amazon are 'exhausted' due to workload

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STAFF working at an internet giant's warehouse are 'exhausted' because of gruelling targets, it has been claimed.

The allegations have been made by a worker at Amazon in Milton Keynes following an exposé by BBC One programme Panorama into the working conditions at the company's warehouse in Swansea on Monday.

The worker – who did not wish to be named – told MK NEWS: "The managers set targets of getting 205 things in one hour. They do not care what kind of things picking workers will have to pick up. Usually it is impossible.

"You are lucky if you need to pick up small things from one place but if you need to pick big things there is no chance. Picking workers are trying to do their best but they still get reprimands. They are running and they do not follow health and safety rules and throw things because they have to work so quickly.

"The situation at Milton Keynes Amazon is not normal and workers are exhausted. They are afraid to tell this to anyone because they do not want to lose their job."

In the BBC documentary an undercover worker claimed to walk 11 miles during a 10-hour night shift as a picking worker after being set a target of collecting a customer order every 33 seconds.

And stress at work expert Professor Michael Marmot, who viewed the footage, believed the conditions could lead to 'mental and physical illness'.

But Amazon has hit back at the claims, saying: "We adhere to all regulations and employment law. Independent legal and health and safety experts review our processes. In the independent expert's opinion, a picking role is similar to jobs in many other industries and does not increase the risk of mental and physical illness.

"We are proud of providing a safe and positive workplace and strive for continuous improvement."

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Rape campaign launched in MK

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A CAMPAIGN to raise awareness of rape has been launched this week by the police and Safer MK.

The campaign, named Operation Decide, aims to ensure people are aware of the seriousness of rape.

The operation was launched just days after two men were arrested for the alleged rape of a 19-year-old woman in a car park in Avebury Boulevard.

The men, aged 20 and 21, have both been released on police bail until January.

The campaign includes the opening of a 'safe hut' at Wonderworld in Xscape from Saturday until December 11 and an increase in police patrols throughout the Christmas period.

Officers will also be working to convey anti-rape messages to residents and visitors with a series of posters displayed across the city.

They will include slogans such as 'Drunk doesn't mean yes' and 'Who is walking you home?'.

Colin Wilderspin, Safer MK's acting head of community safety, said he hoped the campaign would have a 'strong impact' on people.

Detective Chief Inspector Richard North added: "Rape is one of the most damaging offences that can be committed against an individual.

Operation Decide focuses on trying to prevent it taking place at all."

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Christmas spirit: Hundreds turned out to see the lights and parade in Midsummer Place

Festive lights delight crowd

HUNDREDS of people turned out in force for the first Christmas lights switch-on in Midsummer Place.

After a festive song around the shopping centre's Oak tree – lit up by a thousand lights – there was a parade including Santa and his jolly elves on Saturday.

Martin Hindson, general manager, said: "It was a busy day full of festive spirit among our young shoppers and families."

Record numbers also turned out on Sunday for the switch-on in the Theatre District.

The event raised £1,200 for Emily's Star, which helps nurses look after ill children.

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Man killed by train

A MAN died after being hit by a train near Bleak Hall on Friday. The incident caused huge delays and the man, believed to be in his 20s and from MK, is the latest in a recent spate of people being hit by trains in the area.

Man stabbed in hand

AN 18-YEAR-OLD was punched twice in the face and stabbed in the hand when a thief stole his mobile phone. The victim was outside Greenleys' shops on Monday when a black man in his late teens punched him, stole his phone and stabbed him when he tried to take it back. Witnesses can call police on 101.

Budget plans to be outlined

MILTON Keynes Council is due to discuss its plans for the 2014-15 budget at a cabinet meeting tonight.

Proposals will include increasing spending on adult social care and freezing council tax.

Cllr Edith Bald, cabinet member responsible for finance, said: "We have to tighten our belt to come up with smarter ways of working to balance the budget while making sure that the most vital services do not suffer."

For a full round-up visit www.mkweb.co.uk tomorrow.

Residents discuss Willen shops

MORE than 100 residents turned up to a meeting to discuss the future of Willen Local Centre.

A planning application by Newcrest Willen Ltd plans to rework the centre, including a new supermarket to replace the existing local store.

The developer was present at the meeting and indicated a larger supermarket was needed for 'commercial reasons'.

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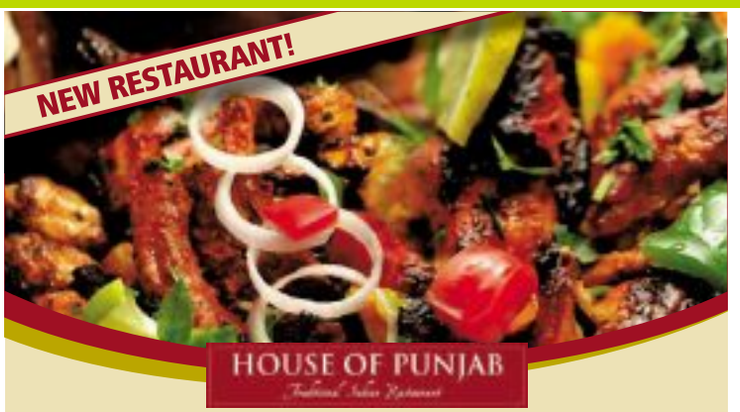

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Enforce parking rules

FURTHER to your article 'Discussions on square gridlock' in last week's MK NEWS I feel that Peter Ballantyne has completely failed to appreciate the root cause of the problems at Station Square.

The new layout is infinitely better than it was previously, however, the problem is the ignorance of drivers and the flouting of parking regulations.

In terms of access to the station forecourt, surely taxis and private hire vehicles should use the same side of the forecourt, leaving the other side available to the general public?

This would significantly reduce the number of vehicles accessing the southern loop and allow easier flow for buses.

Another way to lessen the perceived gridlock would be to enforce the parking regulations. Double yellow lines are there for a reason so why not issue parking tickets to drivers who choose to ignore the them?

The revenue from the tickets would more than adequately cover the cost of issuing them and have an immediate effect on speeding up traffic flow.

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'Disbelief' at potholes

IT WAS with real disbelief that I read in your publication that the pothole repair programme is complete (*Pothole programme complete, MK NEWS, November 20*).

This week I have reported two large potholes on main roads. One in Stony Stratford and the second just a few hundred yards from the council offices in Saxon Gate.

Maybe it would be a good idea for council officers to lever their bottoms out of their office chairs and have a drive around the city.

Mr William
Portchester Court, Great Holm

Documentary search

I WAS a pupil at Statonbury Campus in around 1977.

I am looking for some information on a documentary that was filmed in Milton Keynes in or around 1977-79.

As far as I can remember it was called Freedom of Flat Hill and I think it was filmed by a local film group.

Can you help? I am desperate to find a copy of the documentary as my brother Victor was part of the film (Victor died when he was 19).

To get a copy of this documentary for my parents would be fantastic.

If you can help in any way please give me a call.

John Copping
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Helping typhoon victims

MY THANKS to the nine lodges and three chapters based in Bletchley for the support they have given to the Freemasons' Grand Charity, which has just offered £50,000 in emergency aid to support victims of Typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines.

Their regular donations over the last year have made a real difference to the fund, enabling it to promise help to people in need immediately, saving lives sooner rather than later.

We expect the grant, via the British Red Cross, to finance hygiene kits for 8,500 families in the disaster struck area.

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Gordon Robertson
Head of MK and Bucks Freemasons, the Masonic Centre, Queensway, Bletchley

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Spare land fits the bill

REGARDING your story about the 'left over land' next to the police station in Newport Pagnell (*'Police plan to sell extra station land', MK NEWS, October 30*).

Now here is a commercial opportunity for Newport Pagnell High Street.

Any buyer wishing to develop this land will have to fund the refurbishment of the existing police station. I believe this is short-term thinking, which could be coupled with regret later on.

At present, the police station is only open 12 hours a week.

Nationally local stations are being closed down and becoming more centralised. I can't help thinking this will happen eventually in Newport Pagnell.

The Milton Keynes Local Plan states there would be a permitted development of about 15 dwellings, while at the same time retaining the existing station building for community use.

Is it actually viable to do this with this building while it sits on a prime site for a new supermarket?

A medium sized supermarket with its own parking would be far more beneficial to Newport Pagnell in the long term. The key here is parking.

Currently, the only shop you can buy groceries from is the Co-Op, which does not have dedicated parking. To buy a week's groceries and carry it to one of the town's car parks is a non-starter.

These two Co-Op stores are really only convenient for those on foot.

I think before any planning consent is given, the option to have another supermarket should be explored.

The concern is that 15 dwellings will be built and the police station refurbished for short-term gain to then find that the police will relocate, thus losing the opportunity to achieve greater benefits and use of the land for the wider community and the longer term.

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Mark's Monthly Focus

Schemes help you get on property ladder

THE Government's Help to Buy scheme is a huge opportunity for cities across the country to kick start the much needed expansion of affordable homes.

Too many young people are trapped in rented property due to the excessive deposits and high interest rates that banks are charging in the aftermath of the recession.

Nowhere is this more evident than in Milton Keynes.

Currently, the council has more than 28,000 homes in the planning permission stage. A huge achievement for a city. These new houses will quickly become homes to the countless young professionals that call MK home, through the Help to Buy scheme.

There are two components to the Help to Buy scheme: Mortgage Guarantee and Equity Loan.

The Equity Loan is open to all who wish to own a new build home.

The Government provides buyers with an equity loan of up to 20 per cent of the value of a new build property, repayable once the home is sold.

This will help support up to 74,000 home buyers, as well as boosting the UK's construction sector.

In the first three months of the scheme, 7,000 reservations have already been made and more than 1,000 sales have been completed.

The Mortgage Guarantee will help those who can afford the mortgage payments but not the deposit.

The scheme is open for houses up to a price cap of £600,000.

The buyer would only need a five per cent deposit. The Government then guarantees up to 15 per cent of the property's value, in return for a fee paid by the lender. Only repayment mortgages will be offered by the scheme, underpinned by tough checks on the buyers to make sure they can afford the mortgage payments

Earlier this month, Planning Minister Nick Boles MP visited the Brooklands site in East MK.

As most of you will know, the Brooklands development is the largest residential site within the Eastern expansion area of the city.

Phase one of the development is complete with people moved in. Phase two is now underway. Eventually, Brooklands will provide more than 2,500 houses and apartments, as well as commercial space, three new schools, shops, leisure facilities and a 30-acre park.

It was great to demonstrate to Nick the 'can do' attitude we have here in Milton Keynes by delivering new affordable housing.

As the home of 'I before E' or 'infrastructure before expansion' I stressed to him the importance of building key infrastructure such as Brooklands Primary School first – something we must continue to do as Milton Keynes expands.

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Off the buses and into cars?: Residents at the public meeting held in Simpson this week

Bus users want a better service

BY SCOTT KIRK
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FED-UP residents in two villages are considering a voluntary car scheme to get around after growing frustrated with their bus service.

The number 18 bus runs from Bradville and stops at Central Milton Keynes train station, Woughton-on-the-Green and Simpson among other places before terminating in Bletchley.

A heated public meeting in Simpson, organised after Simpson and Ashland parish councillor Sheila Thornton received complaints about the service, heard the number 18 was unreliable, communication about changes to the timetable in the summer had been poor and that vehicles were cold and noisy.

Simpson resident John Barrett said: "The two-hourly service we are receiving isn't good enough.

"At the moment I'm having to walk a long way and I want to see bus inspectors because it's the whole route that needs looking at."

To find a solution to the problem, one resident has looked into running a volunteer car scheme, which people in the villages are thinking about.

Z & S runs the service with a £150,000 subsidy from Milton Keynes Council because passenger numbers are low on the route.

A spokesman said: "We are aware of some concerns about the recent changes to service 18 and we're keen to work with residents and users to address these.

"We are also aware that a local campaign group meeting was held, but we were not invited to the meeting in advance."

A statement from the council added: "We are aware of concerns relating to the recent changes to service 18 and we would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss with the local bus users about how this can be improved to benefit them.

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Delight at loan cap

A CAP on what payday loan companies can charge customers has been welcomed by a Labour parliamentary candidate for Milton Keynes. Andrew Pakes had joined community groups across MK to campaign against the growth of payday loan companies.

MP Iain speaks out

MILTON Keynes South MP Iain Stewart has said gay-to-straight conversion therapy places 'an enormous burden on young people'. Discussing the issue in Parliament, Mr Stewart, who is openly gay, said: "When I was a teenager I had great difficulty reconciling who I was.

Boy's knife threat

A BOY aged 14 was threatened with a small knife during a robbery on Blakelands Industrial Estate. Three white men approached him before taking an old mobile phone. See more at mkweb.co.uk

Woman fined for benefit fraud

A 33-YEAR-OLD woman will have to pay almost £6,000 after being arrested at Heathrow Airport for benefit fraud.

Lisa Munday, from Wolverton, appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Tuesday last week having failed to declare cash of more than £50,000 and falsely claiming housing, council tax and income support benefits of more than £3,500. The court was told an investigation by MK Council and the Department for Work and Pensions found Munday had undeclared capital and failed to attend meetings over it. A warrant was issued in June and she was arrested at Heathrow Airport.

She pleaded not guilty but following documented evidence was found guilty.

The court fined her £400, ordered her to repay the benefits and pay costs of £2,000 to the council.

Christmas helpers needed

A NEW Christmas festival in the city is calling for volunteers.

Running from December 14-22 in Campbell Park, Winter Wonderland MK will have attractions such as an ice rink, circus, husky dogs and reindeer.

As a partner of Winter Wonderland MK, city disability charity Papworth Trust is recruiting volunteers to help with a variety of roles, including being Santa or an elf in the grotto, or helping with the marshalling and smooth-running of the event.

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Turn down the volume: Alan Morris and David Clarke, *on the right*, with some other upset residents outside Warwick Road Activity Centre

Church singing 'much too loud'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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RESIDENTS have complained about the loud singing from a religious group using an activity centre near their homes.

People who live near the Warwick Road Activity Centre in Bletchley have raised concerns about the noise levels at weekends, in particular from a gospel church group which meets on Sunday mornings and sings with the doors and windows open.

David Clarke, 59, from Warwick Road, said: "I don't like the fact I have to close my own windows to ensure my children don't get preached at. Some of the other activities held at the centre have even woken my sons up."

Residents claim Hertsmere Leisure which manages the centre, owned by Milton Keynes Council, has changed the original rental agreement without consulting the community.

Alan Morris, 69, from Shenley Road, said: "The original agreement stated the outside area was not to be used and when music was played windows should be closed, but now the outside area is used until 2pm on Sunday and people are up in arms as they have not got peace and quiet."

Paul Christie, regional manager of Hertsmere Leisure, said: "Hertsmere Leisure has always upheld to the terms and conditions that were accepted in full by the council.

"We continue to work within these terms for all the venues we manage right across Milton Keynes.

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A spokesman for the council added: "The council has installed a noise monitor that switches off the power if the noise goes above 85 decibels but it has not been triggered to date."

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Armed robbers jailed

TWO men have been jailed for an armed robbery at a BP garage in Conniburrow. Robert Collinson, 26, and Daniel Garforth, 29, were sentenced to 26 and 32 months respectively at Aylesbury Crown Court. The duo stole cash and cigarettes after threatening staff with bricks and a screwdriver.

Talks over The Buszy

COUNCILLORS are due to decide at a licensing sub-committee tonight whether to renew the license of The Buszy after noise complaints from nearby residents.

Mayor pays respects

MAYOR Brian White joined colleagues and friends to pay his respects at the funeral of Simon Viccars on Monday. Mr Viccars, principal of Sir Herbert Leon Academy, died after battling with leukaemia.

Academy may attract 'too many black kids'

A NEW academy could attract 'a disproportionate number of black children' from other schools, according to a community council leader.

The Grace Academy could be set up in the catchment area of deprived places in Milton Keynes and Woughton Community Council chairman Kevin Wilson says the ethnic diversity of other schools could be affected.

He said the free school is 'essentially a Christian, evangelical proposal' and is worried that because he believes the religious movement began in the black, African community, it could take black children from surrounding schools.

"It is the black children that have led progress at schools in Milton Keynes," said Cllr Wilson, *pictured below*. "It is likely that the school would attract a disproportionate number of black children, who have been performing particularly well."

He also said school provision in the area was good enough not to need another academy.

Sherry Gladwin, Grace Academy project leader, said: "It is open to children of all abilities, cultures, socio-economic, religious and racial backgrounds. We are an inclusive school driven by Christian values and focused on delivering outstanding education."

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A FAMILY has recorded their version of a Christmas carol written by one of their ancestors to raise money for charity.

Sally Gauntlett, her daughter Layla, eight, and sister Melissa Frayne, 24, have recorded Once In Royal David City, composed at St Peter and St Pauls Church in Olney by Henry Gauntlett in 1849. Money raised from the single will go to the Royal Brompton Hospital, which treated Melissa for a hole in her heart when she was 11.

More of you are happy with MKC

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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MORE residents are happy with the way services are being run by Milton Keynes Council (MKC) than they were 18 months ago, according to new figures.

Early findings from the Milton Keynes Citizens' Survey – carried out by independent researchers NWA – show 66 per cent of respondents are 'very' or 'fairly satisfied' with the way the authority provides things, compared to 52 per cent in the last survey in 2011/12.

This year, 1,347 randomly selected residents took part in the survey and were asked to give their views on the general quality of life in the city and how satisfied they are with the council and other local services.

It found 83 per cent of people were satisfied with the city as a place to live and 58 per cent said they trust the council. The number of people who agree it provides value for money is up from 44.1 to 45.7 per cent.

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Respondents were most satisfied with the council's refuse collection, parks and open spaces. But the areas that needed the greatest improvement were road and pavement repairs, activities for teenagers and public transport.

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Roof firm fined after fatal fall

Commons visit

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They were Adam Rolfe, 17, of Lord Grey School and Kayla Villamil-Martinez, 16, from Stantonbury Campus, *pictured above.*

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A ROOFING company has been fined more than £11,000 for safety failings after a worker fell to his death from an unsuitable ladder.

Thomas Rowe, 56, from Crownhill, had been undertaking roofline repairs at a property in Hodder Lane on January 14, 2012, when he fell five metres to the ground and suffered a fatal head injury.

Mr Rowe had been working for Milton Keynes Roofing Ltd, also based in Crownhill, when he slipped after failing to secure contact with a two-part extension ladder and the building while he was working.

On Wednesday last week the roofing firm was prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), after an investigation revealed serious concerns with the equipment used for the task – which had been supplied by the company's director.

The HSE established that the ladder had damaged rungs but also that a tower scaffold should have been used instead.

Aylesbury Crown Court was told that the death could have been prevented had better equipment been in use.

The company was fined a total of £11,672, after it pleaded guilty to two separate breaches of the Work at Height Regulations.

The judge ruled the level of fine was indicative of the firm's limited means to pay, not the seriousness of the failings or the value of Mr Rowe's life.

After the hearing, HSE inspector John Berezansky said: "All work at height has to be properly planned and managed and there were clear failings with the equipment used by Milton Keynes Roofing Ltd."

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1,600 feel effect of 'bedroom tax'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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STATISTICS have revealed that Milton Keynes is among the top three cities affected by the 'bedroom tax' in the South East.

In total, 1,609 households have been affected by the tax and they have lost an average of £812.16 a year, according to the figures released by the Government and analysed by the National Housing Federation.

The tax came into force on April 1 this year and penalises council housing and housing association tenants if they have a 'spare' bedroom by reducing their housing benefit.

This is the first time the Government has released data showing the actual number of households that have been affected.

Eileen Gracey from Broughton is one of them. She looks after her two daughters, who suffer with mental health problems, and their children, as well as her physically handicapped brother.

"I feel that I have enough stress and enough to worry about without having to worry every couple of months whether I will have a roof over my head," said the 56-year-old. "I don't get any help from anyone."

From left: Allison Waterhouse from Willen Hospice, Levi Henson, Gary Marling and Levi's step-dad Tony Laight

A charity evening for two

A MARKETING company director will be holding a charity evening in aid of two good causes.

Gary Marling, 53, from JaG Marketing Ltd in Bradwell, has organised the event at the Kardamon Lounge, Stony Stratford, on December 5, to raise cash for Willen Hospice and the Levi Henson's Project, which supports the 13-year-old from New Bradwell, who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of bone cancer in September.

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'Trees are at the root of town's character'

BY SCOTT KIRK
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FEARS have been raised that a town could lose its identity if plans to knock down trees are given the go-ahead.

Councillors from Woburn Sands Town Council claim the ancient trees are what give the area its 'character'.

But four recent planning applications want a proportion of them to be felled to make room for new homes.

One of the proposals for Sandy Mount would see 18 Scots Pine trees get the chop.

Plans have also been submitted to remove ancient oak trees at two sites in Newport Road and two Lombardy poplars at Burlington Hall.

Cllr Jacky Jeffreys wants to see a stop to applications for these trees – all of which are protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) – being submitted to Milton Keynes Council.

She said: "They are big, old trees and very mature ones that can be seen from a lot of roads around the area.

"Woburn Sands is full of these trees and that is what gives the town its character.

"It's an issue that is becoming increasingly worrying."

Branch out: Woburn Sands councillor Jacky Jeffreys is calling on developers to turn over a new leaf and not apply to knock down the town's ancient trees like the ones in Sandy Mount

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Cllr Jeffreys added that she was hoping the town council could meet with Milton Keynes Council's conservation officer to discuss the issue.

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Scientist's discovery is out of this world

BY SCOTT KIRK
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Dr Mark Jones, *pictured*, senior lecturer at the OU based in MK's Walton Hall, spotted the circle of dust in a project he was leading alongside the University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN).

The dust ring has a diameter of 220million kilometres and also encircles the sun.

It is hoped the discovery will help scientists understand more about a similar ring of dust that exists around the earth's orbit.

The new finding was reported in the journal Science and will also help researchers carry out more in depth investigations on how this dust moves in space.

A circumsolar dust ring is created when dust from asteroid collisions and comet debris is repeatedly tugged by a planet's gravity to form a ring close to its orbit.

Researchers from the OU

and UCLAN realised they could use the Heliospheric Imager (HI) instruments on the STEREO-A and STEREO-B spacecraft to search for this ring.

They knew a dust ring near Venus would be very faint so they combined many images, taken over 10 day intervals, to create long-exposure pictures to analyse.

Dr Jones said: "The resulting images show a bright feature close to where we have an edge-on view of Venus' orbit and is what we'd expect to see from a dust ring following that orbit.

"We cross-referenced the images from STEREO-A with those compiled from the STEREO-B spacecraft and saw the same feature in the same place – giving us confidence that this was a real physical structure in the solar system.

"This is an important discovery not only because it is a newly confirmed feature of our solar system, but also because understanding resonance rings will help us to interpret future images of exoplanetary systems.

"Also, while the Venus ring is far too faint to be seen from the surface of earth, if we could see it, this ring would stretch across half the visible sky."

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Cutting groups divides opinion

New system: Councillor Tony Mabbott was in favour of abolishing committees

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A TOWN council has taken the unusual step of abolishing all of its committees in a bid to make the authority more 'transparent'.

Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council has decided its three committees will be axed and replaced with a new group called the general purposes and urgency committee (GPUC).

This new committee will deal with any matters which would have been dealt with by the abolished committees.

These include community issues, grants, financial matters and regeneration.

The GPUC has been set up on a temporary basis so a review can be carried out on the council's decision-making process.

But the move has divided members of the authority with just one vote pushing it through.

Vice-chairman Keith Ely was one of those who voted against the idea.

He said: "I find it quite difficult that instead of being accountable three times as we were under the old committee system, we are now only accountable once.

"I have never seen anything else like it in my 40 years of local government and the agenda at the first meeting was so long it was farcical."

But Cllr Tony Mabbott, who proposed the idea and is chairing the GPUC, said: "The old system was a real hotchpot and clearly wasn't working.

"There were so many [committees] and it was very difficult for councillors and members of the public to know who was doing what role.

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Funcube-1's mission is to inspire schoolchildren about space and subjects like science. Members of the park's radio team visited Abbey Hill Primary School, in Bletchley, to tell years five and six more about Funcube. Headteacher Sophie Good said: "The children were really excited by the visit and it sparked interest in science."

Live: The radio team monitor the signals from space

Bald queries Balls' 'new towns' plans

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A COUNCILLOR has said the idea of creating new towns to deal with Britain's housing crisis is not as simple as it sounds.

Shadow chancellor Ed Balls claimed this week that house-building should be a massive priority for the country and he wants to see more towns like Milton Keynes created.

But Cllr Edith Bald, cabinet member for finance and housing at Milton Keynes Council, has argued new towns cannot be created by simply building new homes.

She said the correct infra-structure is needed to help communities flourish.

"This is not a quick solution, we have been building Milton Keynes up for years," she said.

"It's not a case of sticking up houses – the proper infra-structure has to be in place and you need community support for it to be successful."

In an interview with the Mirror newspaper Mr Balls said: "We cannot deliver house building unless we build new towns. Our priority will be to create ways in which a local authority or groups of authorities are incentivised to come forward to identify locations capable of sustaining large scale sites for new towns and garden cities."

As previously reported by MK NEWS, China is building a new city based on Milton Keynes. The news also follows South Korea citing MK as a good example of a new town, which it may decide to follow in the future.

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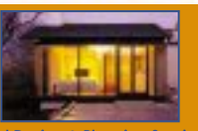

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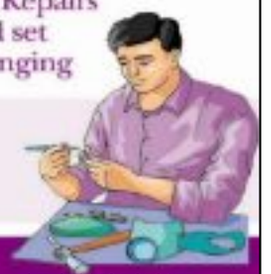

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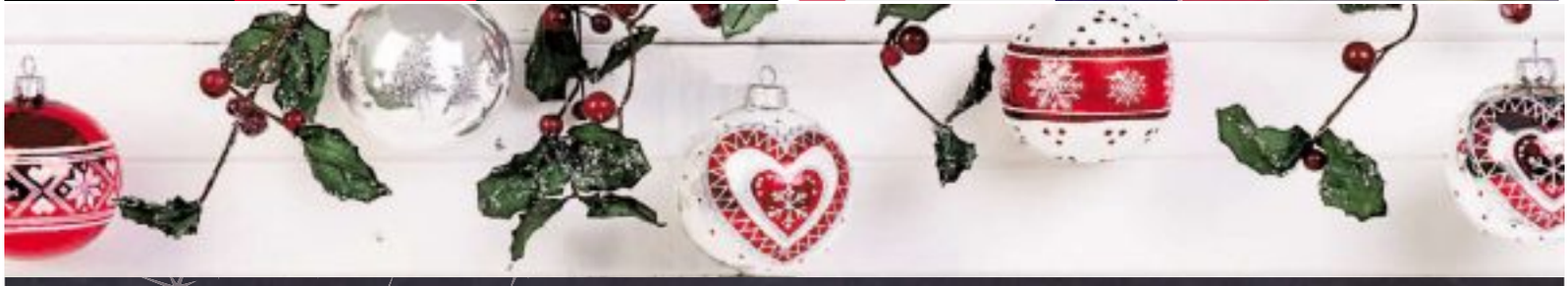

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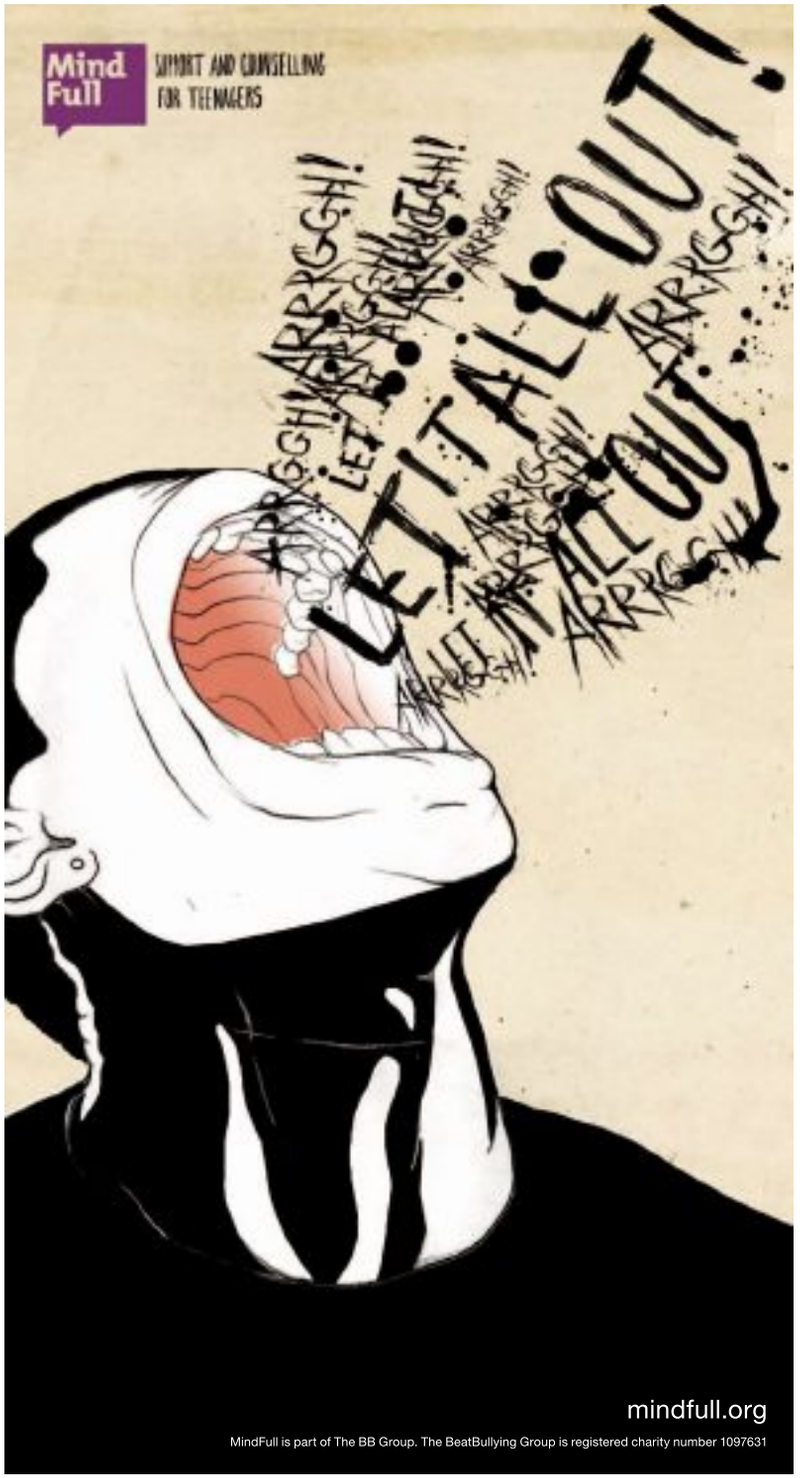

Scout leader meets Prince at the palace

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A TEENAGER has helped launch a national campaign to encourage more young people to volunteer.

Kayleigh Place, 18, from Milton Keynes Scouts joined Prince Charles and the leaders of the three main political parties at Buckingham Palace to launch Step Up To Serve on Thursday.

The campaign aims to double the number of young people taking part in 'social action' by 2020.

Kayleigh joined her scout group when she was 13 believing it was impossible to make a difference in society.

That was until her scout group was set the challenge of creating a physiotherapy garden on a scrap piece of land at Milton Keynes Hospital.

She is now an explorer leader in the Scout Association.

She said: "This is all about getting more young people to volunteer – to make a difference within their local communities.

"I had such an amazing day talking to Prince Charles, David Cameron, Nick Clegg, Ed Miliband and loads of other people. They were all really lovely and genuinely interested in my story. It was a day that I will never forget.

"I had such a brilliant time when I was a scout but now as a scout leader I can give loads of young people some great opportunities to help make a difference."

Shaking hands: Kayleigh Place meets Prince Charles

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Festive joy in a box

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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It will be donating half of the grocery collection it receives at Morrisons in Leighton Buzzard on Saturday.

Sarah Dixon, the club's community committee member, said: "It is always good to support other people and work in harmony with other organisations. Last year we received seven trollies full."

All the donations MK NEWS and MKWeb receive will be given to the food bank, which will distribute them before Christmas.

One Milton Keynes mum who benefits from its services said: "It's a good idea and I think it would cheer everyone up at Christmas. I spent last Christmas on my own and something like this would have cheered me up.

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It's an integral part of any yuletide celebration – the switching on of the Christmas lights. Festive folk from across the city will be wrapping up warm and taking to the streets to see their communities magically lit up for the season. So grab a mince pie and let MK NEWS tell you what's going on and where ..

NEWPORT PAGNELL
There will be stalls and a Christmas Fayre taking place along the High Street throughout the day ahead of the switching on ceremony on Saturday 30th November at 5pm.

STONY STRATFORD
A Lantern Parade starts at 4.15pm from York House and wends its way along the High Street, round onto Church Street and Silver Street before finishing in the Market Square in time for the Christmas Lights switch-on Saturday 30th November at 5pm.

BLETCHLEY & FENNY STRATFORD
A Christmas Fayre will take place from 12 noon onwards with festivities throughout the day and evening, followed by the Christmas lights switch-on Sunday 1st December at 5pm.

WOLVERTON
Wolverton will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of its Lantern Festival on Sunday 7th December The fun starts at 2pm in the Square with fire eaters, face painting, balloon modelling, the Gilbert & Sullivan Society and the town band amongst them, there'll be a seasonal street market selling tasty hot treats and Victorian delights. The Lantern Parade start at 4.30pm complete with Santa on his sleigh.

WOBURN SANDS
The annual traditional Christmas Fayre will be held on Sunday 1st December starting from 1pm onwards, lot of stalls, fun fair rides and tasty treats, the Christmas lights will be switched on at 4.30pm.

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A big night of comedy

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Three great comedians from the circuit that launched today's stars such as Michael McIntyre, Jimmy Carr, Al Murray and Jason Manford will be on stage.

Gerry K, **pictured**, will be headlining with his anecdotal, observational comedy. He has performed on FHM Comedy Heroes, which was on Channel 4 in 2010, and has acted on The Bill.

Opening the night will be former street performer Stuart Goldsmith, whose delivery is pitch-perfect and every nuance he has is carefully calculated for maximum effect.

The charismatic comedian has quick-fire timing and plenty of banter can be expected from the man who reached the final four in ITV's 2011 national stand-up competition Show Me The Funny. Liverpudlian Brendan Riley, who has appeared in soaps such as Coronation Street and Hollyoaks, will host the event.

Tickets for the event, at Woughton Leisure Centre on December 6, cost £12, (£10 for comedy club members) from 01908 660392. Doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 8.30pm.

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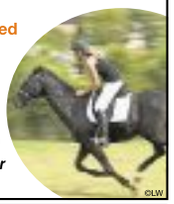

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INDIE-FOLK maestros The Leisure Society will perform songs from their new album Alone Aboard the Ark at The Stables.

The latest LP sees them expand their Arcadian, Baroque pop sound with a more diverse and inventive orchestration.

Coming from the same canon as The Divine Comedy and Mull Historical Society, Nick Hemming's gentle indie anthems revel in acoustic guitars, pianos, harps and infectious melodies.

Elbow's Guy Garvey pronounced their single The Last Of The Melting Snow as his favourite song of 2009 and Radio 2's Radcliffe and Maconie promptly made it their Record of the Week.

To watch this, and their new material, go along to the gig at 8pm on Tuesday.

Tickets cost £15 from www.stables.org or 01908 280800.

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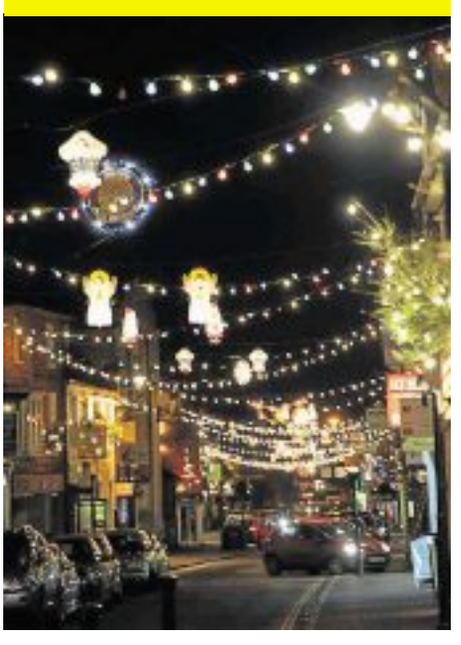


brightspark

CHRISTMAS lights will be switched on in Newport Pagnell and Stony Stratford this weekend.

People from across the city can wrap up warm and see the high streets magically light up for the festive season.

There will be stalls and a Christmas Fayre taking place along Newport Pagnell High Street from 10am on Saturday. The fayre will also include a raffle, tombola and refreshments.

The switching on ceremony takes place at 5pm and will be followed by carol singing to get you in the Christmas spirit.

In Stony Stratford a lantern parade starts at 4.15pm on Saturday from York House to the High Street, Church Street and Silver Street before finishing in the Market Square in time for the Christmas lights switch-on at 5pm.

The event will also include rides provided by Keith Emmett and Sons, musicians and entertainers, including circus performers.

The free events hope to get the whole family in the mood for Christmas.

makefriends

I KNOW Friends has been off the air for nine years (has it really been that long?) but I find that it is still as good as ever.

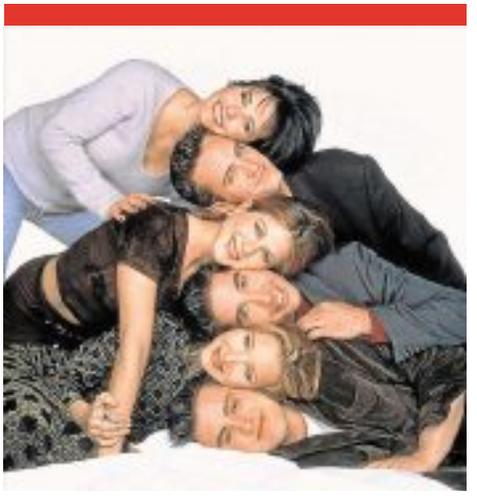
The themes running through the storylines are as prevalent now as they ever were back in the day when millions around the world tuned in.

Comedy Central has taken up the mantle of constantly putting episodes on instead of E4 and there is nothing better than watching a few on a Sunday.

It's like welcoming an old buddy back into your house and whenever the last episode is on, it still hurts too much to watch it knowing there won't be another one ever again.

The writing is a masterclass and the acting is superb.

It really is the pinnacle of all sitcoms.



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unmissablecomedy

COMMONLY dubbed the 'antidote to panel shows', BBC Radio 4's long-running series I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue comes to the city on Friday.

Chaired by the always funny Jack Dee, the show has been on the air since 1972.

Now in its 60th series, regulars Barry Cryer, **pictured left**, Graeme Garden, Tim Brooke-Taylor and Colin Sell will be at Milton Keynes Theatre for an unmissable evening of inspired nonsense.

Among the games will be Swankers, where the panel try to out-do each other with their boasts, celebrity misquotes, what famous people never said, and DIY drama – where the panel come up with their own sound effects to an improvised drama.

Tickets cost between £7.90 and £9.90 and are available at www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

fridayfilm

SUMMER in February is the Friday film being shown at MK Gallery this week.

The film, set during the period just before the beginning of the First World War, captures the timelessness of the Cornish coast.

The story centres on the life of anti-Modernist artist Sir Alfred Munnings, leader of the Lamorna Group – a branch of British Impressionism, better known as the Newlyn School of Art.

The film begins at 7pm and costs £5 (concessions are £3). Pre-book on 01908 676900.

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russellkane

TICKETS are selling like hotcakes for the arrival of Russell Kane to the Comedy Cow on December 13.

The hugely popular BBC3 funny-man, who has appeared alongside Radio 1 DJ Greg James in shows such as Staying In with Greg and Russell, will perform at the Wonderworld Club.

Kane was nominated for the comedy awards at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, winning the main prize in August 2010.

A fantastic night for comedy fans, Mark Dolan from Balls of Steel will be hosting the event.

Other acts on the bill include 2013 double act and Musical Comedy Award winners Hill & Weedon, as well as 'Sweden's Eighth Funniest Comedian' Olaf Falafel.

Steve Bugeja will also be on stage. He has supported Kane on tour and gigged for all the major comedy promoters across the country.

He has also written material for Mock The Week and 8 Out of 10 Cats.

Doors open at 7pm and the event starts at 7.30pm. Standard seats cost £15 and a table seat with hot buffet is available for £25. For tickets visit www.ticketsource.co.uk

online for all the latest cinema times visit **mkweb.co.uk**

hungergames

ACTION, romance and danger make for a great mix in the second instalment of The Hunger Games series, which blows its predecessor out of the water.

Katniss Everdeen, played brilliantly by Jennifer Lawrence, has returned home after outsmarting the Games with team mate Peeta. She has become a symbol of hope for the oppressed districts but in a devious plot is thrust back into the brutal games. Katniss must now face former champions hell bent on exterminating each other and the arena also steps it up with killer monkeys, deadly force fields, blood rain and poisonous fog as the Games begin.

Lawrence's portrayal is full of raw emotion and is truly convincing as she delivers a strong performance.

The threats in our heroine's life loom over us with an impending sense of danger that sets Catching Fire apart from the first instalment.

The repeat premise of the Games fortunately is not for long, with the whiff of rebellion really driving the film forward through stunning scenery, glamorous costumes and dramatic fights.

The odds are certainly in its favour as we wait with bated breath for the next chapter.

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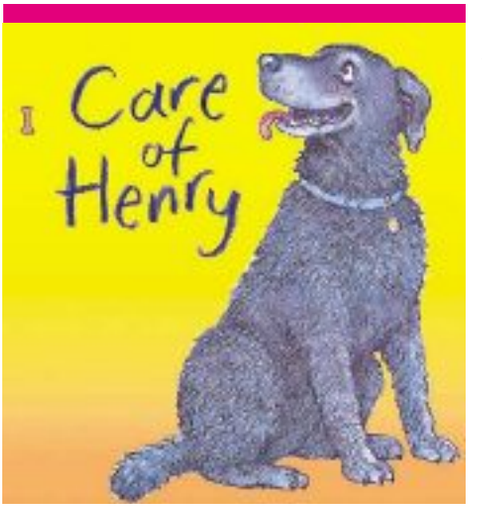

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CARE of Henry is a story that will touch the hearts and imagination of all children.

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The performance by the Pied Piper Theatre Company takes place on Saturday at 2.30pm.

Tickets cost £8.50 for adults, £6.50 for children and family tickets are £26 for two adults and two children.

The show is 50 minutes long and suitable for children aged from four to eight years old.

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Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MKlifeHOTPICKS

ROCKERS The Manic Shine will be playing in the city this Saturday.

The progressive alternative/rock band with synth noise are from London and will performing at the Sunset Lounge at The Cannon pub, Newport Pagnell.

Joining them will be two indie/rock bands from Buckinghamshire. Killer and the Neon Farm Boy, who have been compared to The Foo Fighters, and The Hives and Reporters, who are well-known for their visits to BBC Introducing.

Tickets for the show, from 8-11.55pm, cost £4 from www.thesunsetlounge.co.uk

draculabites

FANS of the Twilight Saga will love Dracula at Stantonbury Theatre tonight.

As Dracula's shadow looms large over England, a small group of young men and women, led by Professor Van Helsing, are locked in a struggle for survival.

Tickets to the show, which starts at 7.30pm and is recommended for those aged 13 and over, cost £15 for adults, £12 for concessions and £10 for students. To book yours visit www.stantonbury.org.uk

woughtonball

THE Woughton Winter Ball takes place on Friday.

There is a masquerade theme to this year's event, although people do not need to wear masks for the evening.

The event begins at 7pm at the Parkside Hotel, Woughton-on-the-Green, and tickets cost £25 per person. Included is a drink and three-course meal.

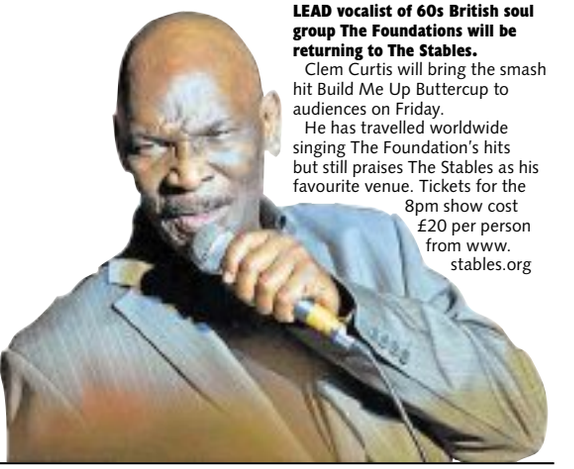
The night will raise funds for the Children's Mitochondrial Disease Network. Call 01908 395681 to book a place.

clemcurtis

LEAD vocalist of 60s British soul group The Foundations will be returning to The Stables.

Clem Curtis will bring the smash hit Build Me Up Buttercup to audiences on Friday.

He has travelled worldwide singing The Foundation's hits but still praises The Stables as his favourite venue. Tickets for the 8pm show cost £20 per person from www.stables.org



MK EDUCATION

Primary school among UK's best

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A CITY primary school has been recognised as one of the best in the country.

Middleton Primary School has been ranked number 57 in The Sunday Times' guide to the top 100 performing state primary schools in the UK.

It is the first time the school in Noon Layer Drive, Middleton, has appeared in the guide, which rates primary schools on the number of children aged seven to 11 in Key Stage Two Level Four who passed both English and maths SATs between 2010 and 2012.

Over the last three years, 295 per cent of the school's pupils have passed their maths and English SATs, with the table's top 20 achieving 300 per cent.

It was the only school in the area to have been listed in the table, with others coming from London, Birmingham and further north.

Headteacher Jane Miller said: "I am delighted that our results have been recognised in this league table.

"Our high position in these national results is testament to the dedication and commitment of our pupils, staff and governors, all of whom should be incredibly proud of their achievements.

"At Middleton we believe that achieving Level Four at Key Stage Two is the right of all of our pupils.

"We strive to ensure that we adapt our approach to engage every single one of our pupils to give them the very best chance of achieving Level Four.

"This then gives them an excellent grounding for when they move up to secondary school."

Celebrating: Year Six pupils at Middleton Primary School with deputy headteacher Rachel Roberts celebrating their entry into the top 100 schools in the UK

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Middleton Primary School is a state funded primary school which opened in 2003 and currently has 487 pupils.

The school hopes to grow over the coming years after the recent completion of its expansion programme.

MKEDUCATION BRIEFS

MP's tasty treat

MP MARK Lancaster has joined celebrity chef Jamie Oliver in raising awareness about the importance of school meals. He visited Greenleys Junior School where he enjoyed a healthy meal of sausages, mash and vegetables with the children.

Hospital litter pick

SIXTH form students from St Paul's School spent two hours litter picking at Milton Keynes Hospital. They were given certificates and their participation counts towards their sixth form syllabus.

Bronze arts awards

TWELVE young people from across the city have been given bronze arts awards. To achieve the level one national qualification, youngsters had to take part in an arts activity they enjoy, go to an arts event, research their heroes and share their skills. The bronze award is available to young people aged 11 to 25.

Prize for university

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Student writes love story

A STUDENT studying journalism at Milton Keynes College has written a romance novel based in the city.

Ben Morton, 20, from Newport Pagnell, has written The Midsummer Boulevard, which is a story of love and drama based in Milton Keynes' very own grid road.

The book is about a man called Jack Midsummer who was adopted by a mad eccentric millionaire, called Ludo, who in the story builds the road.

In the voice of Jack it follows his love affairs all through the 20s to 60s and ends with the story of his last love in a retirement home.

Talking about the book, Ben said: "Jack is the adventure type and he is kind of a romantic hero who is full of energy and thinks every problem can be solved.

"From my viewpoint, I like to think of the book as a love letter scrapbook to all those brilliant minds like Sue Townsend, J.R.R Tolkien, J.K Rowling and Stephen Fry, who have entertained me over the years.

"The likes of which have made me happy, sad, angry, excited, scared and confused – and I hope that my creation will make readers feel the same."

Ben has not only written the book himself but is also publishing it and hopes to develop it into an audio book in the future.

The Midsummer Boulevard costs £6.99 and will be available in paperback and eBook from December 12 via Amazon, Lulu and other websites.

For more information and the latest updates visit www.themidsummerboulevard.blogspot.co.uk

Winners announced in MPs' Christmas card competition

THE winners in the city MPs' Christmas card competition have been revealed.

Nisreen Ghozzl, nine, from Green Park School has been chosen as the winner for Milton Keynes North by Mark Lancaster.

And Prakriti Mall, 11, from Caroline Haslett Primary School was picked by Iain Stewart as the winner in Milton Keynes South.

Both pupils will have their drawings of the city in winter made into the official festive cards for the MPs, which will be sent to the Queen, Prime Minister David Cameron and their constituents and colleagues in Westminster.

The designs by year five and six pupils were narrowed down by MK NEWS reporter Jessica Duncan and MK Gallery director Anthony Spira before the MPs selected the winners.

They said: "Every year the entries get better and this year choosing the winners was even harder."

MPs Mark Lancaster, *right*, and Iain Stewart holding the winning designs

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PROPERTY NEWS

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Shenley Brook End

SET within Shenley Brook End, a much sought-after residential area of Milton Keynes with a desirable school catchment area, is this substantial executive home.

The property was formerly known as Limes Farmhouse and is believed to originally date back to the 1940s.

Set back from the road, it offers views of The Green, creating an idyllic and peaceful location.

The schools within walking distance are Long Meadow and Shenley Brook End.

Still only minutes by car is Central Milton Keynes with its mainline rail link, impressive shopping centre, theatre, restaurants and much more.

The property itself offers a versatile and spacious living accommodation in excess of 3,300sq ft and includes four reception rooms, four double bedrooms, a family bathroom as well as a ground floor shower room and great size en-suite to the master bedroom, a purpose-built annexe, detached double garage and a separate studio/office.

Sitting on a generous size plot with gardens, there is ample parking for 12 or more vehicles.

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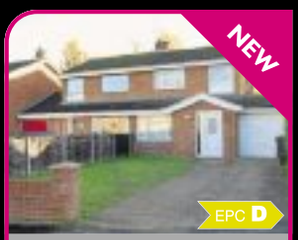

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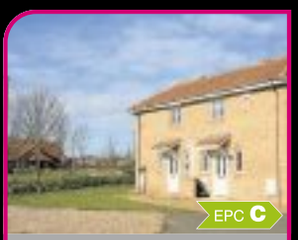

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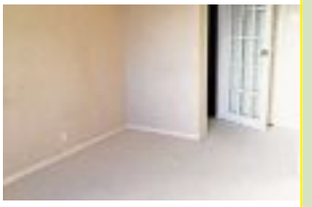

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Tonia Tyler, head of sales for Redrow Homes (South Midlands), says: "Help to Buy is proving popular with customers across the country, including those in Deanshanger but there is still some confusion about the different types of help available under the scheme and what they mean for buyers.

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"The Government will guarantee up to 15% of the loan at a cost to the lender, allowing the borrower to access cheaper mortgage deals and purchase with a 4% deposit. However, only a small number of lenders have currently signed up to this scheme and, of those that have, the interest rates are generally higher than those currently being offered on new-build homes under the first phase of the initiative," Tonia explains.

Both Help to Buy options are available on homes up to £600,000. "For those purchasing a new home, it will be up to the customer to decide which is the better deal for them – they cannot use both – and then their mortgage adviser and lender will go through the normal checks. If this all sounds too complicated, our friendly sales advisers and mortgage specialists will be available to make it simple," Tonia adds.

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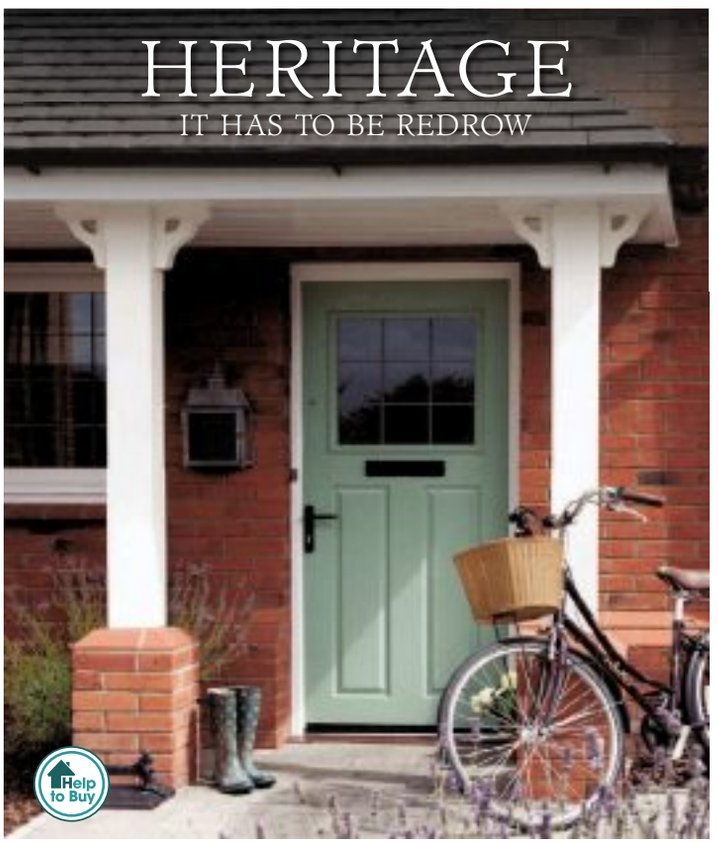

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For informal enquiries please contact Loretta Carr or Bill Bailey on 01908 253159.

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Children and young people deserve positive starts to their lives. Our family support teams work to achieve that – assessing their needs (including child in need and child protection) and then devising plans that bring about change for the good. Your work will also cross into the court arena and naturally you'll work in partnership with other agencies. With a social work qualification and HCPC registration, your passion and experience of working with children will set you aside. Wide-ranging caseloads are something you rise to and you also have good knowledge of relevant legislation and proven assessment skills. You own transport is also essential.

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For informal enquiries please contact Kelly Lockwood on 01908 253473.'

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For informal enquiries please contact Bridget Shaw on 01908 281212.

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For more details, and an information pack, please contact the School Office on (01908) 372979.

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For more information and an application pack please contact UNISON Bedford Hospital Trust Branch on 01234 -730400.

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For an informal discussion please contact Pauline Sanderson on 0300 300 6344 or email pauline.sanderson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

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Closing date: 8th December 2013
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Catering Assistant
(Maternity cover from January to July 2014)
St Paul's Range 1 Point 4 (£13,294) Fixed (Pro rata £10,369)
37 hours per week; 39 weeks per year (Term time) plus 1 extra week
To work with the catering team preparing and serving meals and snacks for the pupils, staff and visitors. You should enjoy and have a passion for cooking good quality food in a busy kitchen.

Administrative Assistant - Special Educational Needs (SEN)
(Starting January 2014)
St Paul's Pay Range 2 (£17,107 to £20,795) (Pro rata £14,145 to £17,195)
37 hours per week; term time plus training days
Previous experience as an SEN Administrator would be an advantage. Working in a busy and often pressurised environment, on a variety of jobs, you will find that no two days are the same and you will never stop learning something new. Good organisation skills and keyboarding are essential to this role, and the ability to use specialist software packages. You will need to be flexible and work as part of a team.

Learning Support Assistants
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For an application form and further details please contact St Paul's Catholic School on 01908 669735, or visit the schools website www.st-pauls.org.uk.
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Headteacher: Bryan Schram BEd MBA

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Please contact Melanie Hornshaw for further details and an application pack on 01908 678366 or email southwood@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

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For an informal discussion please contact Gezim Leka on 0300 300 6162, email gezim.leka@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk OR Dawn Hill on 0300 300 6269, email dawn.hill@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Closing date: 8th December 2013
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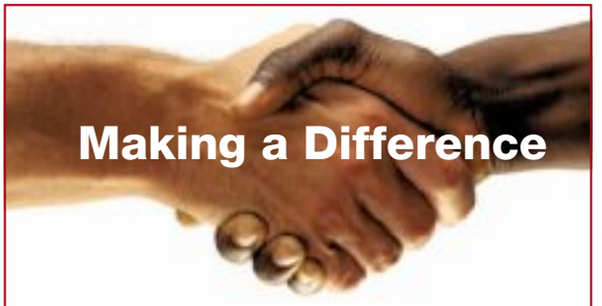

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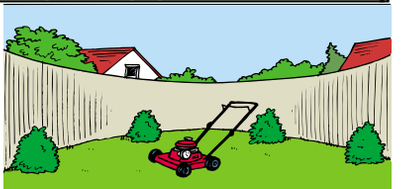

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS (PARTS), HAVERSHAM) (40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 27 November 2013 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order, which comes into effect on 28 November 2013, affects all classes of vehicle.

The effect of the Order is to introduce two 40 mph speed restrictions along the following lengths of roads in Haversham:-

- The un-named road which links High Street and Wolverton Road, from a point approximately 32 metres west of the centre point of its junction with the entrance to Crossroads Farm, for a distance of approximately 611 metres in an easterly direction;
- High Street, from a point approximately 110 metres north-east of the centre point of its junction with Mill Road for a distance of approximately 601 metres in a south-westerly direction.

A copy of the Order and map and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, at Wolverton Library, Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5LY, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks of the date upon which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for this purpose.

27 November 2013

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(NEW STREET, STONY STRATFORD) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 27 November 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 so that works may be carried out in relation to the fitting of a new water supply. The effect of this is to temporarily prohibit vehicular traffic from proceeding along the whole of New Street, Stony Stratford from Monday 2 December 2013 to Wednesday 4 December 2013 for 24 hours each day whilst works are carried out.

Whilst the road is temporarily closed, the alternative route will be via High Street, Wolverton Road and Russell Street.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance.

The Order will come into operation on 2 December 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the works are complete, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN MILTON KEYNES AND SURROUNDING AREAS)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along parts of roads within Milton Keynes and surrounding areas whilst carriageway resurfacing works are being carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary road closures will be in force from 9 December 2013 to 9 December 2014, however the closures will take effect on specific roads at specific times during these dates, **only** when carriageway resurfacing is required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any road closure. The affected roads are as follows:-

1) Hardmead Road, Hardmead - from its junction with the A422 Newport Road to its junction with Turvey Road (the road will be closed in sections to facilitate access to properties with minimal disruption).
Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the A422 Newport Road and Turvey Road.

2) Leopard Drive, Pennyland - its whole length (the road will be closed in sections to facilitate access to properties with minimal disruption).
Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the H4 Dansteed Way, the V9 Overstreet and Sovereign Drive (and vice versa).

3) Church Road, Bow Brickhill - from its junction with the access road which leads to New Wavendon Heath to its junction with the road which links Church Road and Leighton Street.
Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Church Road, Station Road, Brickhill Road, the A5 and Church Road (and vice versa).

4) Medale Road, Neapland and Tandra, Beanhill – their whole lengths (the roads will be closed in sections to facilitate access to properties with minimal disruption).
Whilst the roads are closed the alternative route will be via Maslin Drive, Wastel/Dodkin, the V7 Saxon Street, the H8 Standing Way, the V6 Grafton Street, Melick Road and the H9 Groveway (and vice versa).

5) Buckingham Road, West Bletchley – from it's junction with the H8 Standing Way to its junction with Cottingham Grove (the road will be closed in sections to facilitate access to properties with minimal disruption).
Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the H8 Standing Way, Watling Street, the H10 Bletcham Way, the V7 Saxon Street, Queensway and Buckingham Road (and vice versa).

6) Sussex Road, Bletchley - its whole length.
Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Whaddon Way, Shenley Road and Middlesex Drive (and vice versa).

7) Dorchester Avenue, Bletchley - its whole length.
Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Whaddon Way, Whalley Drive and Melrose Avenue (and vice versa).

8) Fennell Drive, Conniburrow - its whole length.
Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Conniburrow Boulevard, Mallow Gate, the H5 Portway, the V7 Saxon Street and the H4 Dansteed Way (and vice versa).

9) Warwick Road, Bletchley – from its junction with Whaddon Way to its junction with Dover Gate.
Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Whaddon Way and Warwick Road (and vice versa).

10) Newport Road, Bletchley - from its junction with St Marys Avenue to its junction with the Railway Bridge (west of Beechcroft Road).
Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Bletchley Road, Whaddon Road, the H8 Standing Way, Buckingham Road and Newport Road (and vice versa).

11) Union Street, Newport Pagnell - its whole length.
Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via High Street and North Square (and vice versa).

12) Chicheley Road, North Crawley - from its junction with Brook End to its junction with the A422 Newport Road.
Whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via the A422 Newport Road, the A509, London Road (Newport Pagnell), North Crawley Road and Brook End (and vice versa).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed order, other than for any necessary access for residents as far as is practicably possible, and for emergency services and military vehicles being driven on operational duties. The applicant will notify residents of properties affected by each closure at least one week before its commencement.

Each temporary road closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The proposed order will come into operation on 9 December 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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Milton Keynes Council
Adoption of the Strategic Land Allocation Development Framework
Supplementary Planning Document, November 2013

In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given that:

- The Strategic Land Allocation Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document was adopted by the Cabinet of Milton Keynes Council on 5 November 2013 (see: http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=10658)
- Following consultation on the draft SPD some changes to the document were agreed by Cabinet on 5th November. These are shown in the Consultation Statement which is published separately as Appendix A to the SPD.
- Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the Supplementary Planning Document and Emerging Policy may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of that decision.
- Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than 3 months after the date on which the document was adopted.
- Under Regulation 14, this Statement is being sent to all persons who have asked to be notified of the adoption of the SPD.

The adopted Strategic Land Allocation Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document, a statement summarising the main issues raised during the formal consultation period and details of modifications made as a result of representations, together with a copy of this Adoption Statement, can be viewed on the Council's website at: http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy

Hard copies can be viewed at the Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ and in our libraries. Opening times of all the libraries are available at http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries/about-your-libraries

For further information, please contact the Development Plans Team:

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(REAR ACCESS ROADS (PARTS), TO THE REAR OF JERSEY ROAD, WINDSOR STREET, VICTORIA STREET AND ANSON ROAD, WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 27th November 2013, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access along parts of the following four sections of rear access roads in Wolverton, during the days and times stated below:-

1. that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of Anson Road, Wolverton from its junction with Aylesbury Street to its junction with the alleyway that runs alongside number 2 Anson Road, Wolverton. The anticipated dates for this closure will be from 3rd December 2013 until 5th December 2013, inclusive.
The alternative route for all traffic will be to proceed via Anson Road and Aylesbury Street and vice versa.

2. **that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of Windsor Street and Cambridge Street, Wolverton, from its junction with Aylesbury Street to its junction with the alleyway that runs between numbers 95 and 97 Windsor Street, Wolverton. The anticipated dates for this closure will be from 4th December 2013 until 6th December 2013, inclusive.**
The alternative route for all traffic will be to proceed via Windsor Street and Aylesbury Street and vice versa.

3. **that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of Victoria Street and Green Lane, Wolverton, from its junction with Stacey Avenue to its junction with the alleyway that runs along the rear of Osbourne Street, Wolverton. The anticipated dates for this closure will be from 9th December 2013 until 11th December 2013, inclusive.**
The alternative route for all traffic will be to proceed via Stacey Avenue and Green Lane and vice versa.

4. **that section of the rear access road running parallel to and to the rear of Jersey Road and Anson Road, Wolverton, from its junction with Aylesbury Street to its junction with the alleyway that runs alongside number 106 Jersey Road, Wolverton. The anticipated dates for this closure will be from 11th December 2013 until 13th December 2013, inclusive.**
The alternative route for all traffic will be to proceed via Aylesbury Street and Jersey Road and vice versa.

The Council is satisfied that these temporary closures are necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely, works to repair two burst water mains, a leaking service pipe and a leaking ferrule. It is anticipated the temporary closures will commence from 3rd December 2013 until 13 December 2013, inclusive. Each rear access road will only be closed for one to two days within this period and only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any road closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order, except for emergency service vehicles and military vehicles on operational duties.

The Order will come into operation on the 3rd December 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

27th November 2013

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(BRIDGE HOOK CLOSE (PART), WOLVERTON MILL)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to enable works to be carried out, namely works to repair a leaking water service pipe. The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access along that part of Bridge Hook Close, Wolverton Mill between numbers 25 and 69 Bridge Hook Close . It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from Thursday 5th December 2013 to Saturday 7th December 2013, inclusive.

The alternative route for traffic will be via the remaining length of Bridge Hook Close.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles on operational duties.

Access will be maintained for residential properties affected by the closure.

Advance information signs will be placed at either end of the affected road a few days before the works are due to take place.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 5th December 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further Order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 123, (2A)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN **that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to dispose of a parcel of land which consists of or forms part of open space land situated adjacent to Great Linford Pavilion, Marsh Drive, MK14 5AX.**

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to The Estates Manager, The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HS, by no later than 11th December 2013. A plan of the land affected by the intended disposal is available for inspection at the office of the Council's Estates Manager at the above address.

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Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/02392/EENO	Notification of intention to display 1 x 'Methodist Church' sign to church porch at Stony Stratford Methodist Church, Silver Street, Stony Stratford
SECTION 67	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
13/02309/FUL	Installation of two temporary marquees outside Unit 114 for a period of 24 months at Foreign And Commonwealth Office, Hanslope Park, Hanslope Park Road, Hanslope

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
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13/02415/FUL	Demolition of existing indoor gym and changing facilities. Construction of a new stand alone indoor sports hall, new entrance block, media centre, sixth form suite, dining hall extension; new and repositioned security fencing and access gates; new car parking, hard landscaping and ancillary works at The Radcliffe School, Aylesbury Street West, Wolverton

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 123(1), (2A)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN **that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends to dispose of parcels of land which consist of or form part of open space land known as**

Stanton Low Country Park
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St Peter's Church
The Hanson Environmental Centre and nature reserve

all of which are situated north of Wolverton Road, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to The Estates Manager, The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HS, by no later than 4th December 2013.

A plan of the land affected by the intended disposal is available for inspection at the office of the Council's Estates Manager at the above address.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A) THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (REDMOOR ROUNDABOUT, MILTON KEYNES) WESTBOUND ENTRY SLIP ROAD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Milton Keynes to allow works to install traffic signs on the A5 Railway Bridge situated west of the A5/A421 Redmoor Roundabout to be carried out in safety.

The works, which will take place over 1 night (10.00pm–5.00am), are expected to begin on, or after, Saturday 7 December 2013 and will be carried out using a combination of either a full slip road closure or lane closures.

The effect of the Order will be to close the A5 westbound entry slip road leading from the A5/A421 Redmoor Roundabout, diverting A5 traffic eastbound to the A4146 Bletcham Way/Caldecotte Roundabout, there to turn and return on the A5 westbound.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly signed throughout the works period.

The Order will come into force on 2 December 2013 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

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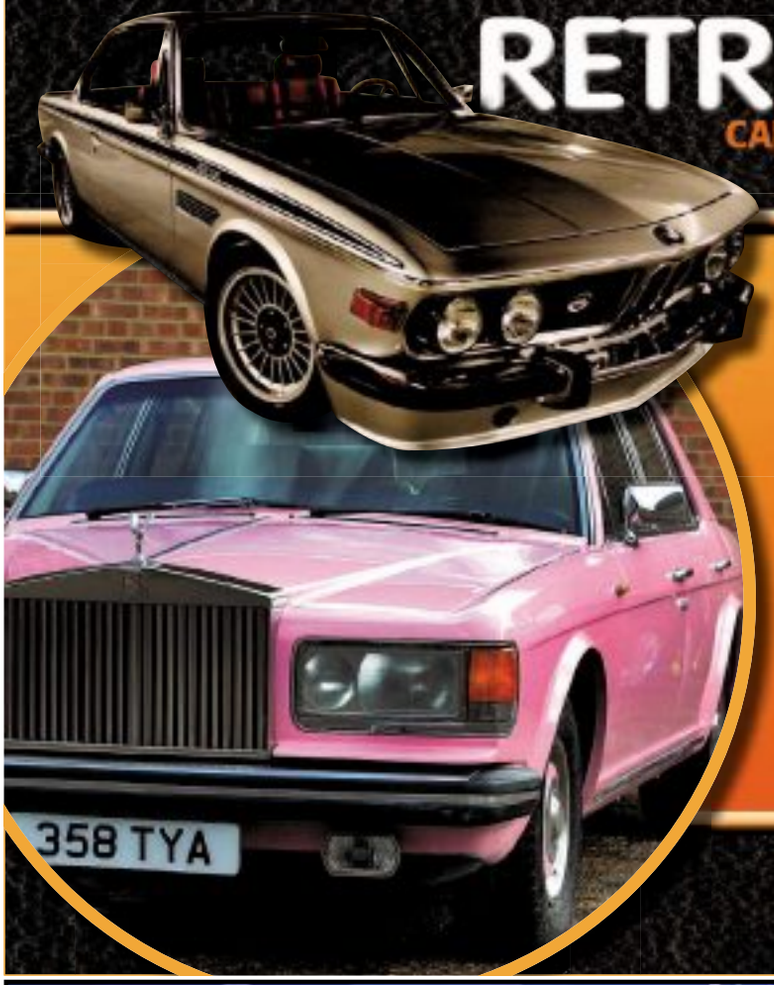

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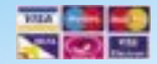

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BLETCHLEY stayed top of the Southern Counties North after a commanding 45-0 away win at Reading Abbey, but divisional rivals Milton Keynes slipped off the pace as they went down 33-27 at home to Thatcham.

Arriving at Abbey full of confidence, Bletchley shunned early penalty kicks at goal, preferring to go for quick taps or scrums.

They first touched down after Abbey flanker Fungai Mutepfa was yellow-carded, with Steve Allen benefitting from the man advantage.

A second arrived when George Harman carved a hole in the defence before off-loading to Will Garrett and Jamie Parker added the third, dummying his way over to the left of the posts.

Harman got himself a try before the break and with namesake Phil converting three out of the four, Bletchley had a 26-0 lead at the interval.

In the second half the contest was a lot closer, with Abbey pressurising themselves in spells. No further points were scored until the 75th minute when Bletchley produced an astonishing late salvo with three further tries.

It started with an excellent score on the right from replacement back Paul Millen and Matt Nobes then crossed on the left after a good bout of passing.

Garrett claimed his second try to round things off with Phil Harman converting two of the three second half tries.

At Emerson Valley, tries from Dan Pearson and Scott Aspinall contributed to a 15-5 half-time lead for Milton Keynes.

City then made it 22-5 as Lewis Barnett's try was converted by Phil Powell but a superb one-man show from Thatcham's Joe Leadley swung the game.

Leadley bagged two tries and converted both himself before adding the extras to Liam Rowland's score, giving the Berkshire side a 26-22 lead.

Another Leadley try, again converted by himself, stretched the lead and MK had to settle for a losing bonus point as James Tapley went over late on.

At one stage City topped the table but they have lost their last two and have now slipped to fourth.

Elsewhere, Olney were beaten 34-3 by Wellingborough and are eighth in Midlands 2 East South. Jordan Letts' penalty was their only score.

MK Dons Head of Coaching GARY WADDOCK writes exclusively for MK News every week

IT WAS disappointing to lose 3-2 on Saturday against Bradford City as we thought we played reasonably well.

I think the first and third goals we conceded were a touch sloppy, especially the first goal but credit to Nakhi Wells because it was a really good finish.

For the third we were looking to push on, we left ourselves open and then the ball comes in and they score.

For the second goal it's one of those where you just think 'Have we got a goal like that?'

I don't think we've had a fluky goal like that to get back into a game this season.

When it goes against you like that it's annoying but there's nothing you can do about it.

Dele Alli was phenomenal when you take into account the fact that he has been out injured.

To put in a performance like that after he had been injured takes some effort for an experienced player but for a 17-year-old that is one hell of a statement.

This week has been and will be a busy week. We were in for recovery after the game on Sunday, then we prepared for Colchester Monday, played them Tuesday and it's recovery Wednesday before we do it again for Coventry City on Saturday.

We need to get some points and results on the board to keep ourselves in and around the teams at the top.

Man City's 6-0 win against Tottenham Hotspur was very interesting at the weekend.

Before the game the talk was about if Spurs can qualify for the top four but it might look a little different for them after.

There was a gulf in class in that particular game but I'm sure they'll address that and come back stronger for it.

• Gary's column was written before last night's match.

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Marching forward: Ben Reeves attempts to drive forward

Keepy uppy: Dele Alli juggles the ball

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Wolves	18	7	2	1	18	5	6	2	0	14	5	+22	43
2	Leyton Orient	18	6	1	1	17	6	7	2	1	24	10	+25	42
3	Preston	18	3	5	1	13	10	6	2	1	14	7	+10	34
4	Brentford	18	6	1	2	16	7	4	3	2	12	12	+9	34
5	Peterborough	18	5	1	3	9	8	5	1	3	18	10	+9	32
6	Bradford	18	4	3	2	19	10	3	4	2	12	10	+11	28
7	Rotherham	18	2	5	2	11	13	5	2	2	16	9	+5	28
8	Swindon	18	6	1	2	21	12	2	2	5	11	12	+8	27
9	Walsall	18	3	2	3	9	10	4	4	2	11	6	+4	27
10	Port Vale	18	4	2	3	13	13	4	0	5	13	15	-2	26
11	DONS	17	5	2	2	17	11	1	2	5	10	15	+1	22
12	Crawley	18	4	3	3	10	11	1	4	3	9	12	-4	22
13	Coventry	18	6	1	3	23	22	3	3	2	15	11	+5	21
14	Oldham	17	3	2	2	8	6	3	1	6	14	18	-2	21
15	Colchester	18	3	3	3	10	11	1	6	2	10	13	-4	21
16	Gillingham	18	4	2	4	12	12	2	1	5	11	16	-5	21
17	Carlisle	18	3	2	4	11	19	2	4	3	7	10	-11	21
18	Shrewsbury	18	4	4	2	12	7	0	3	5	6	14	-3	19
19	Stevenage	18	2	1	5	9	14	3	1	6	9	15	-11	17
20	Tranmere	18	1	3	4	10	20	3	2	5	11	13	-12	17
21	Sheff Utd	18	3	3	3	11	10	1	1	7	5	16	-10	16
22	Bristol City	18	1	5	4	11	15	1	4	3	15	16	-5	15
23	Crewe	18	2	3	4	9	17	1	1	7	5	23	-26	13
24	Notts County	18	3	0	5	11	10	0	2	8	7	22	-14	11

MK Lightning welcome temporary ice rink for training

ICE HOCKEY

MK LIGHTNING head coach Nick Poole said he was delighted that his side was now able to train in Milton Keynes.

MKICE has opened after a group of volunteers banded together to provide the temporary ice rink until the permanent one is completed, and Poole said it would benefit his team massively.

"That will really help the guys," said Poole. "Next week we're really looking forward to a good session to get some time on the ice.

"We'll be able to shoot some pucks and it'll be good practice for the keepers as well so we're really looking forward to training on there."

Lightning achieved their first shut out of the season with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Telford Tigers at their temporary home of the Coventry Skydome – required because of refurbishment at the city's Planet Ice – on Wednesday. That was followed on Sunday when Lightning came up against local rivals Peterborough Phantoms, and they notched up an 8-4 success in an entertaining game to book their place in the semi-finals of the English Premier League Cup.

"We got two good wins this week," said Poole. "We beat Telford midweek and it's always good to get one over on your local rivals after we beat Peterborough.

"We started off really well on Sunday and they scored a goal against the run of play. But in the second period we came out of the traps really strongly and dominated. I was slightly disappointed with the third period but otherwise I thought it was a pretty comfortable win.

"We're guaranteed a place in the cup semi-finals and we're likely to play Manchester or Guildford in that so we know it'll be tough."

Five unanswered goals in the second period helped Lightning to see off their near neighbours from Peterborough.

Lightning completely dominated the middle session to put their mark on the game and help complete a miserable weekend for Phantoms who had lost 6-0 the previous evening.

However Phantoms were first off the mark as when Frantisek Zubek scored from Lewis Hook's set up after only 1min 59secs.

Lightning equalised after a holding penalty on Declan Balmer gave them a powerplay and man of the match Janne Jokila supplied Michael Farn to score at 5mins 48secs.

The visitors conceded a second goal just after a penalty on Lewis Christie had expired as Will Weldon set up Marcel Petran on 16mins 3secs.

Jokila, from Tom Carlon, made it 2-2 with 40 seconds to the end of the first period.

Carlon got Lightning's second period scoring going in the middle period while on the powerplay after 22mins 38secs.

Stan Lascek registered after 29mins 20secs while on the powerplay again from Leigh Jamieson's pass.

Only 23 seconds after, Grant McPherson made it 5-2, leading to a Phantoms time-out and the replacement of goalie Damien King with Tom Murdy.

But Lightning still managed two more goals before the next buzzer. The first came after 36mins 27secs with Jokila bagging his second.

Not long after at 37mins 10secs Lascek made the pass for Adam Carr to put away to give a 7-2 lead to Lightning.

Peterborough rallied a little in the third with Tom Soar scoring 2mins 41secs after the restart before Luke Ferrara registered on the powerplay at 51mins 38secs.

However it was Lightning who had the last laugh as Lascek set up Carr to net short-handed after 56mins 17secs.

Next week sees Lightning up against Telford again on Saturday before a tough trip to league leaders Guildford Flames next Sunday.

Poole cannot wait to pit his side against Guildford in particular.

"Telford will be a really good test on Saturday and they are getting better and better," he said.

"Sunday at Guildford will be a really tough game but I'm really excited about it.

"I'm confident we'll get a good result there."

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Sixth straight loss on road for Dons

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save. Patrick Bamford had a gilt-edged chance in the third minute when he turned Magnus Okuonghae on the half-way line wide and was given a clear passage to goalkeeper Sam Walker.

With the Chelsea loanee on red hot form this season, it was somewhat of a surprise not to see the goal bulging as the keeper met the striker to the ball to keep the scores at 0-0.

Bamford and Ben Reeves were linking well together, with both players getting a shot on target that was comfortable enough for Chelsea loanee Walker, while at the other end Alex Gilbrey was unable to turn the ball into the back of the net when the ball dropped down for him from a free kick out wide.

But after 20 minutes Colchester took the initiative by grabbing the first goal of the night.

A throw-in from the right was only half-cleared, and the ball fell to Craig Eastmond on the edge of the box. He had the time and space to rifle a shot off that went in off Ian McLoughlin's right hand post with the keeper at full stretch, to give the U's a 1-0 lead.

Just moments after the goal, Dele Alli was free at the back post following Bamford's cross from the right. But the 17-year-old took too much time with the effort, chesting the ball down rather than hitting a first-time shot, and the chance was wasted.

Bamford's shot from an acute angle also went for a throw-in as Dons pressed for an immediate equaliser.

The triumvirate of Alli, Reeves and Bamford was working well in the middle of the park, but they were unable to fashion a lot by way of chances as Colchester kept it tight in the middle and at the back.

George Baldock was given the nod on the right flank and he was showing some good hustle and bustle down the line, but two crosses he produced just after the half-hour mark went too far and failed to reach their intended target.

The latter stages of the second half were proving frustrating for both sides as the game took on a scrappy edge.

And scrappy was the word to describe Colchester's second goal in a defensive horror-show for the Dons.

Much to ponder: Dons boss Karl Robinson

Jordan Spence, whose loan at the Dons has been extended until January, completely messed up his back-header to McLoughlin with Ibehre hassling him. With McLoughlin out of his goal, the former Don easily tapped the ball around the keeper and walked it into the back of the net to double the U's lead and give the Dons a mountain to climb.

The second half didn't begin much better for the Dons when a long throw caused havoc in minute one after the interval. Dominic Vose got a shot away which McLoughlin managed to block, and then Okuonghae somehow missed an open net as Dons were let off.

A long shot by Vose also left McLoughlin standing as it shaved the post in what was a sloppy start from the Dons.

Ibehre was played a wonderful pass on the edge of the box as Colchester were cutting through the Dons midfield, but Shaun Williams stuck out an important foot to make a superb tackle and keep Dons in the game in the 50th minute.

And that proved crucial as Spence made up for his earlier mistake by heading Dons back into the game. The impressive Reeves played in a lovely corner after a spate of set pieces, and the West Ham United loanee stooped down well to get his header away and make it 2-1.

Powell was making a real nuisance of himself after he was brought on for Alli at half time, and his shot from the edge of the box just before the hour mark forced Walker into a save.

Williams then tried to get his first goal from open play of the season, but his header from Stephen Gleeson's corner hit the roof of the net.

Headers were proving a fruitful source of chances for Dons as they sought a leveller. Dean Lewington's cross into the box was this time met by Darren Potter in the 72nd minute but his effort only just went over.

Substitute Macauley Bonne then had three massive chances to kill the game off. Firstly he had a chance in the six-yard box which was easy for McLoughlin to collect, before dragging his shot wide after he found space on the right hand side.

His third opportunity came after Dons failed to clear two Colchester shots. McLoughlin then somehow scrambled across his goal to save the Bonne shot when it looked like the net would be bulging.

But it was fourth time lucky for Bonne when he registered a deserved goal with 12 minutes left. He rasped a left-footed shot from the edge of the box which had a wicked amount of curve on it, leaving McLoughlin no chance as the Essex side regained their two-goal advantage.

The final 20 minutes were very poor from a Dons perspective as Bonne's wildly deflected shot had McLoughlin worried with Colchester looking to rub salt in the wounds for a lacklustre Dons, who were forced to accept a sixth away defeat on the spin despite there being seven minutes of injury time.

SPORTSSHORTS

MK SUNDAY LEAGUE FOOTBALL

SWANFICA and The Open University produced excellent victories against Stoke Hammond and Weavers respectively to keep the MK flag flying in the Berks & Bucks Junior Cup.

The former won their third round tie 1-0 with the latter winning 4-2 away. It was bad news for Bucks Biz who exited 3-0 at Jager Athletic.

Top scorers in the New City Heating Premier Division were Caz Bar who defeated a battling Willen side 7-0. Olney downed New Bradwell 4-1 while Punjab defeated their hosts RJ Fitness 5-1. The Garage achieved a commendable 4-2 victory over Inter Faith.

In Division One Buckingham United A beat Padbury 3-1 and Western United beat Southcott 2-1. New City Saints and Stanton Manor drew 0-0.

AFC Santander are the new leaders of Division Two following their 7-0 thumping of Buckingham United B. Southcott B and Bletchley Wanderers drew 3-3. Other matches saw wins for Stacey Bushes, 3-2 over IDW, and Newport, 2-0 at Stantonbury Social Elite.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Men's 1sts were unable to back up last week's maiden win of the season as they were beaten 6-2 at Oxford Hawks - Jamie Dodd getting both MK goals. The Ladies 1sts lost 1-0 to Southgate 2nds.

HANDBALL

THE newly-formed MK Oly Cats lost their 100 per cent record as they were beaten 17-12 by Coventry Sharkbite in their first home game at Cranfield University. The scorers were Peter Franko (5), Alfie Martin (2), George Moore (2), John Pearce (2) and Huw Goodwin (1).

ATHLETICS

THERE was a great result for MK Athletic Club's U17 women who won the team trophy at the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Championships. They were led home by fifth placed Amy Radford in 26m 04s.

KORFBALL

THE MK Lakers 'M' side have been in action twice, losing 13-6 at Harrow's 1sts and then going down 14-5 to city rivals MK Bucks. Meanwhile the W side beat Harrow 2nds 15-0.

SAILING

EMBERTON Park Sailing Club member Adam Fisher, 16, won the MK Sports Achiever of the Month award for November. The dinghy racer won the Junior Sailing trophy at the North West Norfolk Sailing Association Regatta Week, and now races an Olympic-class Laser Radial.

ROWING

MK Rowing Club duo Louise Rivett and Karen Wilson won the overall and open category awards respectively at the Volunteer and Coach of the Year Awards – winning for the Eastern Region. Rivett was recognised for her work organising the club's cross-channel row.

BADMINTON

Doubles pairing stun the world to lift crown

HUSBAND and wife partnership Chris Adcock and Gabby White became only the second English winners of a Superseries title by lifting the Yonex Sunrise Hong Kong Open in Kowloon.

The couple, who live and train in Milton Keynes, capped a great first year of their mixed doubles partnership by defeating China's Cheng Liu and Bao Yixin 21-14, 24-22 in the final.

The only other English doubles pair to win a title of its kind were Nathan Robertson and Anthony Clark who triumphed in the men's doubles in Singapore back in 2009.

Adcock and White dominated the first game but had to come from behind in the second with the Chinese pair leading 20-15 before a six-point burst gave the English duo their first match point at 21-20.

Their opponents responded to hold game point at 22-21 before Adcock and White took the next three points to clinch victory after 40 minutes. The England pair are already up to number seven in the world but this win and the semi-final victory over world number ones Zhang Nan and Zhao Yunlei will set them up for next month's grand finals of the OSIM BWF Superseries 2013 circuit in Kuala Lumpur.

A delighted Adcock said: "This is our proudest moment in our career so far.

"What a week we've had, firstly beating the world number one pair and Olympic champions in the semi final and then going on to win the final in two straight games and stand on the top of the podium. It's just an amazing feeling.

"We have dared to dream about this moment for a long time and to achieve it feels great."

The victory also sends out a warning to their Commonwealth rivals that they are going to be genuine podium contenders at Glasgow 2014 next summer.

Clark, one half of the pairing that won England's first Superseries title, said: "I am delighted for them. It is so rare for something like this to happen to England players.

"This week has revealed the quality Chris and Gabby have in their game."

Sealed with a kiss: Adcock and White

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‘An embarrassment’

• Robbo blasts players after dismal Colchester loss

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COLCHESTER UNITED 3
MK DONS 1

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FURIOUS MK Dons manager Karl Robinson refused to speak to his players after they produced what he called ‘an embarrassing and shambolic performance’ against Colchester United last night.

He said there were no positives to take out of the defeat and that the Essex outfit could have bagged six goals after the Dons produced a pitiful display.

“I’m absolutely embarrassed and we lacked hunger, fight and determination,” said an angry Robinson.

“We made stupid mistakes that were punished and it was shambolic and absolutely rubbish.

“That is as embarrassing as I’ve seen in four years but there wasn’t one positive to come out of that.

“It’s schoolboy stuff and I apologise to the fans. They deserve better than that and our shirt deserves better than that.”

Dons were poor throughout the game as Colchester regularly marauded forward, with the Dons having nothing in response.

Former Dons players have had a habit of scoring against the club this season, with Sam Baldock, Ryan Lowe, and Lewis Guy all scoring for Bristol City, Tranmere Rovers and Carlisle United respectively, and Jabo Ibehre nearly added his name to that hit-list.

With just 17 seconds on the clock the former Don registered Colchester’s first shot on target but Ian McLoughlin got down to

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New and old: Jordan Spence gets in front of former Don Jabo Ibehre to score but it was a deeply disappointing evening in Essex for the visitors. Picture: Andy Handley

Vettel on Cloud Nine as Webber bids goodbye to Formula One

MARK Webber celebrated his final race in Formula One by taking his helmet off in the slowing down lap as Sebastian Vettel made it nine victories in a row in Brazil.

Webber departs for Porsche and endurance racing next season and he admitted his last race for Tilbrook’s Red Bull Racing was an emotional one.

“The difficult part for me was actually getting in the car for the final time,” said Webber.

“I was overcome with some emotion then to be honest.

“That moment of the helmet going on and stepping into the car was actually the strongest emotion I had.

“It was nice to take the helmet off for the final lap. In this sport it’s not always possible to give things a personal touch.”

Webber managed to finish second behind the relentless Vettel to make it a one-two finish for Red Bull.

The second placed finish was the 42nd podium in his 12 year career, which saw him race in 215 grand prix and win nine times.

Team principal Christian Horner said: “What an incredible way to sign off, not only a remarkable season, but also Mark’s career in Formula One.

“His moves on Rosberg, Hamilton and twice on Alonso showed what a real racer he is.”

The final constructors’ standings saw Red Bull finish on 596 points, 236 more than Mercedes who pipped Ferrari to second.

World champion Vettel finished the season on a colossal 397 points, with Webber third on 199.

Vettel said of Webber: “We didn’t have the best relationship but nevertheless we always had respect for each other on a professional level.

“I learned a lot from Mark and that’s why I consider him one of the best drivers on the grid.”

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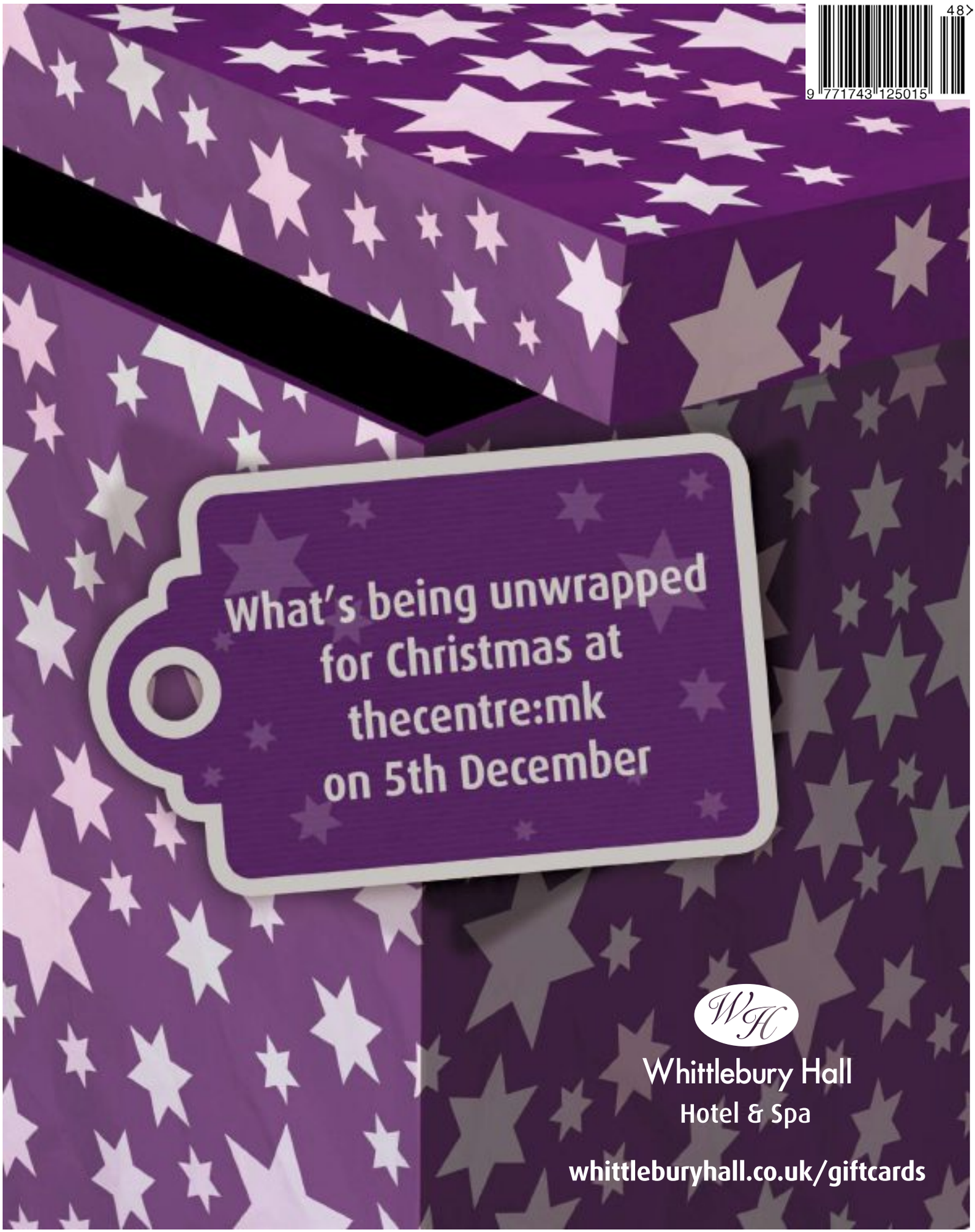

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